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In re Application of:)
Nobuo Ishii et al.) Group Art Unit: 1725
Application No.: 09/975,067) Examiner: Q. VAN
Filed: October 12, 2001)
For: PLASMA PROCESSING)
APPARATUS)
Commissioner for Patents)

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

In a election requirement dated June 26, 2003, the Examiner required election under 35 U.S.C. §121 among the following eight species:

Species I - Figures 1a-2;

Species II - Figure 3;

Species III - Figure 4;

Species IV - Figure 5;

Species V - Figure 6;

Species VI - Figures 7-8;

Species VII - Figure 9; and

Species VIII - Figures 10-14.

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Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Species I, without traverse, on which at least claims 1-4, 15, and 17 are readable. Applicants note that this response to the election requirement dated June 26, 2003 is timely as July 26, 2003 is a Saturday.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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